

**GULF SHORES CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION
RESCHEDULED REGULAR BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 17, 2018 – 5:00 PM
MEETING MINUTES**

1. Call To Order

President Kevin S. Corcoran called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM at the Erie Hall Meyer Municipal Annex Court Room.

2. Reflection

President Kevin S. Corcoran paused for a minute of reflection.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Roll Call

On roll call the following answered present:

President **Kevin S. Corcoran**

Vice President **Dr. Nichole Gotschall**

Secretary **Kelly Walker**

Board Member **Dr. Ralph Gold**

Board Member **Dale Jernigan**

Absent: None

Also in attendance:

Tobi Waters, Interim Board Clerk was present and took minutes

By Phone:

Board Attorney Bob Campbell

5. Adoption of the Agenda

President Kevin S. Corcoran presented the agenda for discussion. Vice President Dr. Nichole Gotschall made a motion to suspend the rules to amend the Agenda adding an additional Action Item – Action Item b. Establish a Work Session Meeting Schedule. Board Member Dr. Ralph Gold seconded the motion; and the vote of those members present was unanimously in favor of the motion. Vice President Dr. Nichole Gotschall made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Board Member Dr. Ralph Gold seconded the motion; and the vote of those members present was unanimously in favor of the motion.

6. Approval of Minutes

A. Special Meeting of December 14, 2017

President Kevin S. Corcoran presented the minutes from the December 14, 2017 Special Meeting. Board Secretary Kelly Walker made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Vice President Dr. Nichole Gotschall seconded the motion; and the vote of those members present was unanimously in favor of the motion.

B. Regular Board Meeting – December 14, 2017

President Kevin S. Corcoran presented the minutes from the December 14, 2017 Regular Board Meeting. Vice President Dr. Nichole Gotschall made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Board Member Dale Jernigan seconded the motion; and the vote of those members present was unanimously in favor of the motion.

C. Special Meeting – December 20, 2017

President Kevin S. Corcoran presented the minutes from the December 20, 2017 Special Meeting. Board Member Dr. Ralph Gold made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Board Member Dale Jernigan seconded the motion; and the vote of those members present was unanimously in favor of the motion.

D. Special Meeting – December 28, 2017

President Kevin S. Corcoran presented the minutes from the December 28, 2017 Special Meeting. Vice President Dr. Nichole Gotschall made a motion to approve the minutes as

presented. Board Secretary Kelly Walker seconded the motion; and the vote of those members present was unanimously in favor of the motion with the exception of Board Member Dale Jernigan who abstained from the vote.

7. Board Members/Superintendent Announcements

8. Public Comment

Kerry Dey, a teacher from Gulf Shores Elementary School addressed the Board with concerns he and his fellow teachers were experiencing regarding the uneasiness of what's going to happen with the transition from a county school to a city school and if August 2018 was a firm start date. He spoke of the importance of the teachers retaining their MacBooks which contained all their teaching materials. President Kevin S. Corcoran addressed his concerns stating August 2018 was a firm start date, that he recognized what the teachers are feeling and that all aspects of school property would be considered in the negotiation process. President Corcoran went on to say that the negotiations don't have to be complete to begin the search for a permanent superintendent.

9. Action Items

a. Approval of Contract with Educational Consultant

President Kevin S. Corcoran gave a brief bio of Suzanne Freeman and her history of school separations, stating she would strictly negotiate a separation agreement, but would not be the permanent superintendent. Due to the weather conditions, President Kevin S. Corcoran advised Mrs. Freeman not to travel to today's meeting for her safety. Board Attorney Bob Campbell stated Mrs. Freeman was an excellent choice. Board Secretary Kelly Walker made a motion to retain the services of Suzanne Freeman as an Educational Consultant. Vice President Dr. Nichole Gotschall seconded the motion; and the vote of those members present was unanimously in favor of the motion.

b. Establish a Work Session Meeting Schedule

President Kevin S. Corcoran presented the item where it was discussed. Board Secretary Kelly Walker made a motion approving the Board Work Session Meeting's would be held the first Thursday of every month at 1:00 p.m. Vice President Dr. Nichole Gotschall seconded the motion; and the vote of those members present was unanimously in favor of the motion.

10. Information Items

a. Board Training

Board Members with the exception of Board Secretary Kelly Walker, would be attending the Alabama Association of School Board (AASB) training in Montgomery January 19 – 20, 2018 to obtain their required certifications, Board Secretary Kelly Walker would be obtaining her certification online.

b. Facilities Assessments Update

President Kevin S. Corcoran reported he hoped to have the results of the schools assessments that were done early January by next month's board meeting.

c. Central Office Update

City of Gulf Shores Economic Development Coordinator Blake Phelps gave an update of the Harry Roberts Community House which is being converted into a central office for the Gulf Shores City Board of Education.

d. Website Development

President Kevin S. Corcoran announced for now the school board would "piggy back" off the city's website until the school district develops and they form their own site.

11. Board Members Requests

12. Attorney Client Privilege

13. Scheduling of Meetings

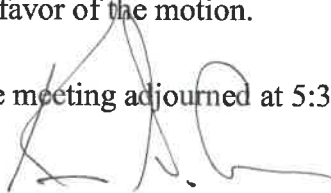
Board Work Session Meeting – February 1, 2018 – 1:00 p.m.

Regular Board Meeting – Thursday, February 8, 2018 – 5:00 p.m.


14. Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Vice President Dr. Nichole Gotschall made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Board Member Dr. Ralph Gold; and the vote of those members present was unanimously in favor of the motion.

President Kevin S. Corcoran declared the meeting adjourned at 5:34 p.m.



Kevin S. Corcoran, School Board President



Dr. Nichole Gotschall, School Board Vice President



Kelly Walker, School Board Secretary



Dr. Ralph Gold, School Board Member



Dale Jernigan, School Board Member

DATE APPROVED: March 8, 2018